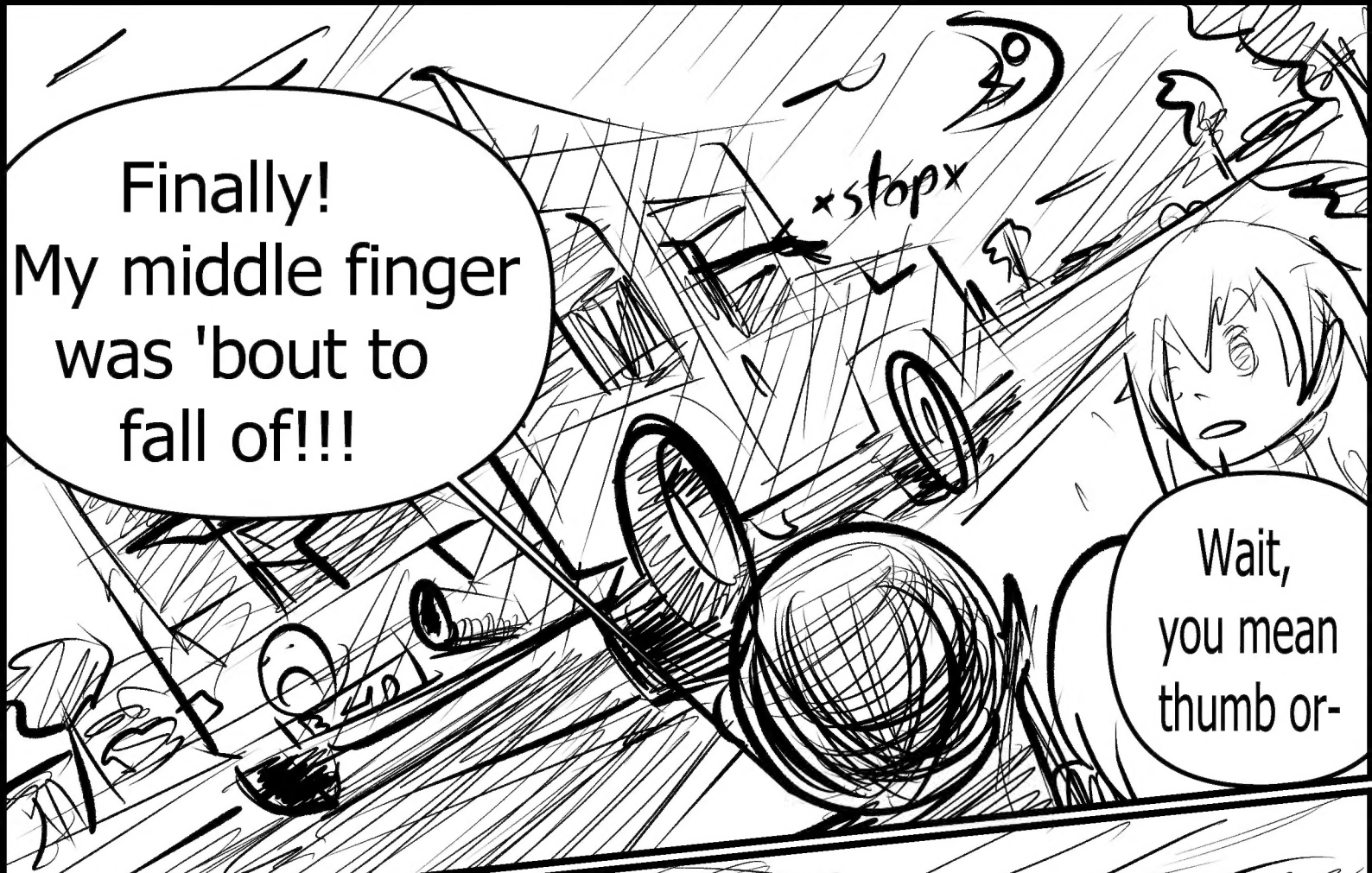


SOUL EATER

17 Post...



to insanity



Finally!
My middle finger
was 'bout to
fall of!!!

stop

Wait,
you mean
thumb or-

What ya
doing?!!

It's for your
own safety,
and so you
don't do anything
that will get us
thrown out the car..

Thank you
sir for
picking
us up


Oh no problem
lads...

So how did
you end up
like this?

Well it turned
out our ride had
some more important
business than to
chaperone us around...




How
unfortunate...




Normally
a friend
also drives
us around
on his bike
but-


he ditched
us more than
the holes in
this road!



And your
partner here
doesn't have
a ride? A late
bloomer eh!



Yeah, it sucks,
he can't even
go to the drive
trough at the burger
place when I'm
hungry at 3am!



Well than you
can count yourself
lucky that I found
you...

hehehe

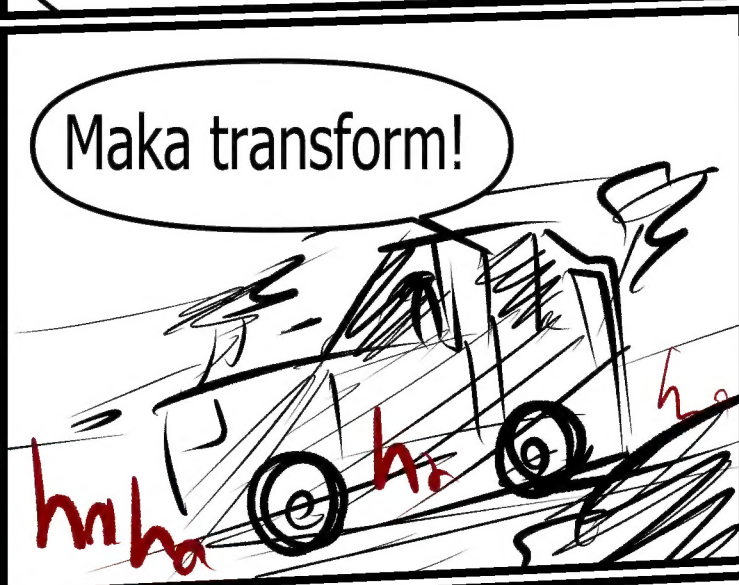


Oh...

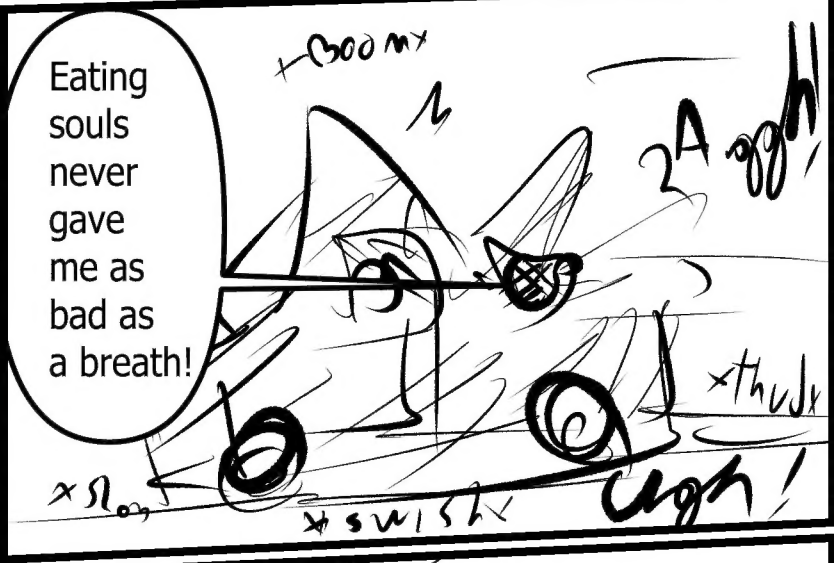
Lets just
get this
over with...



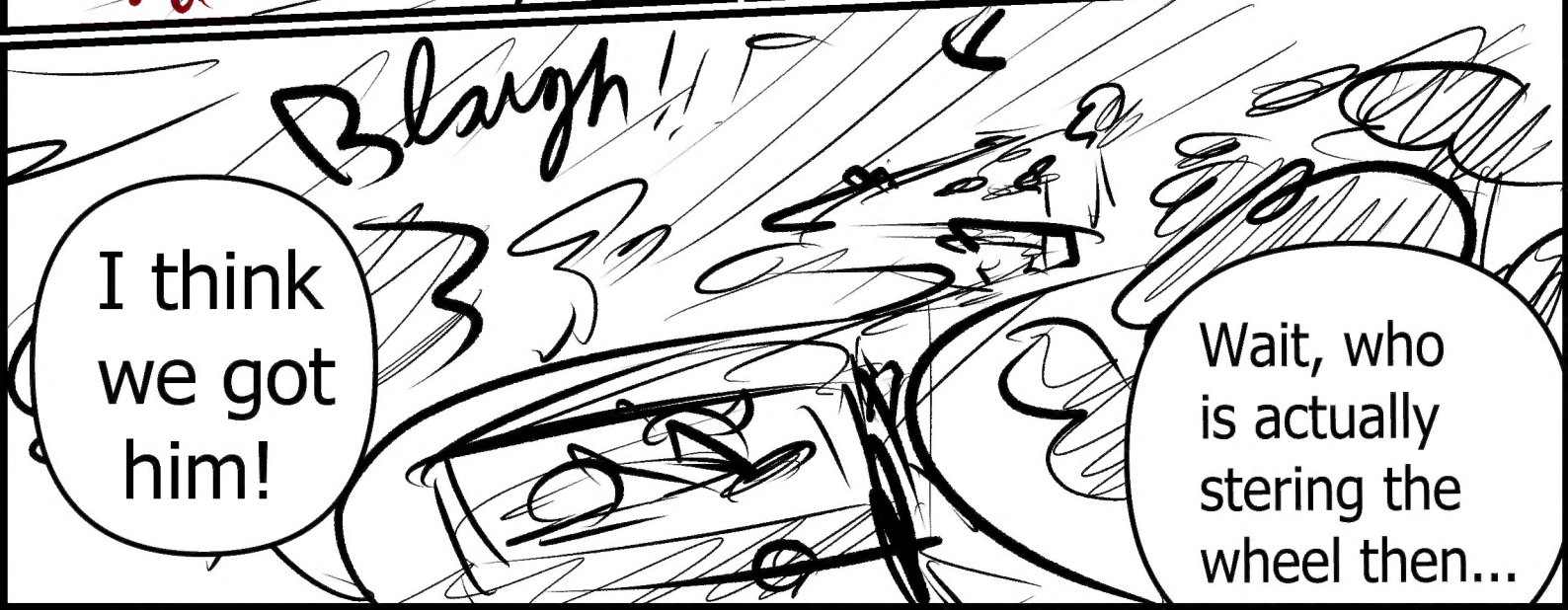
If you only realised the importance of the growin' up ritual of a drivers license as quickly as my true nature!



Maka transform!

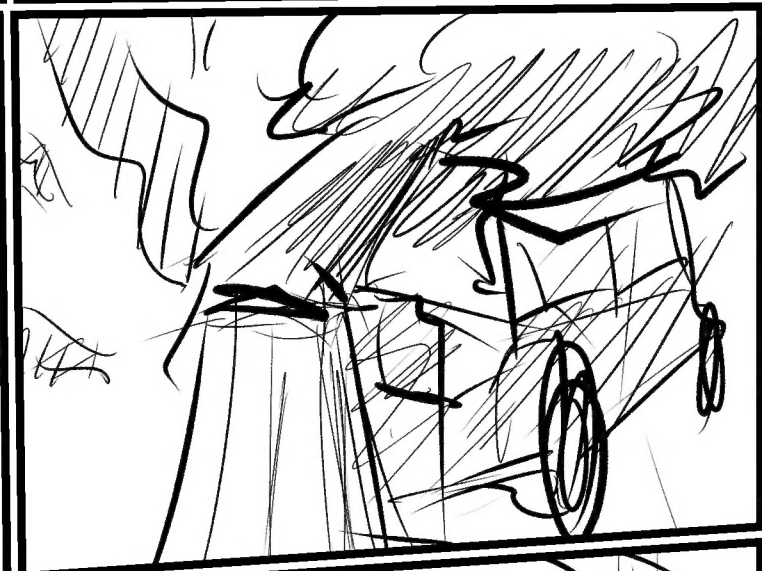


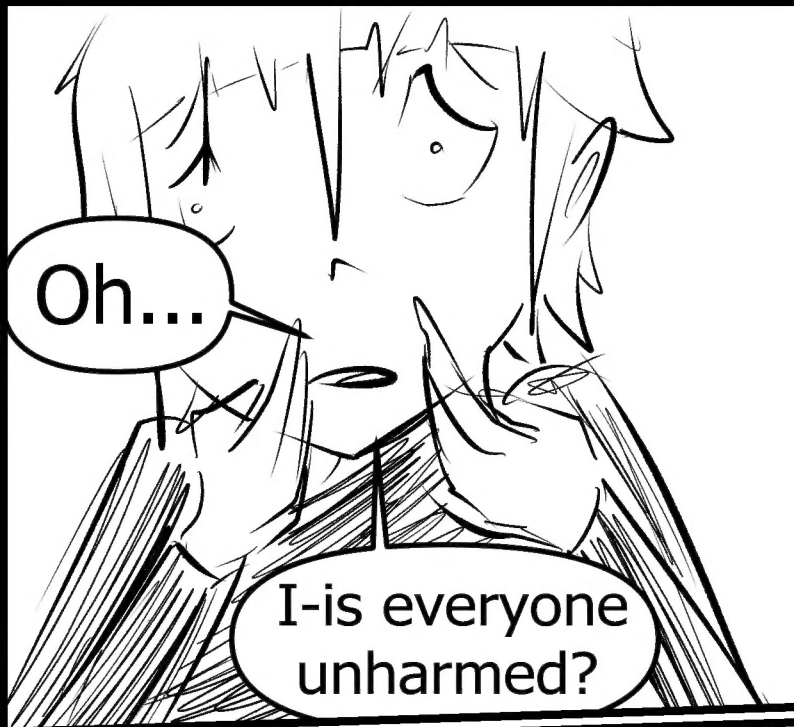
Eating souls never gave me as bad as a breath!

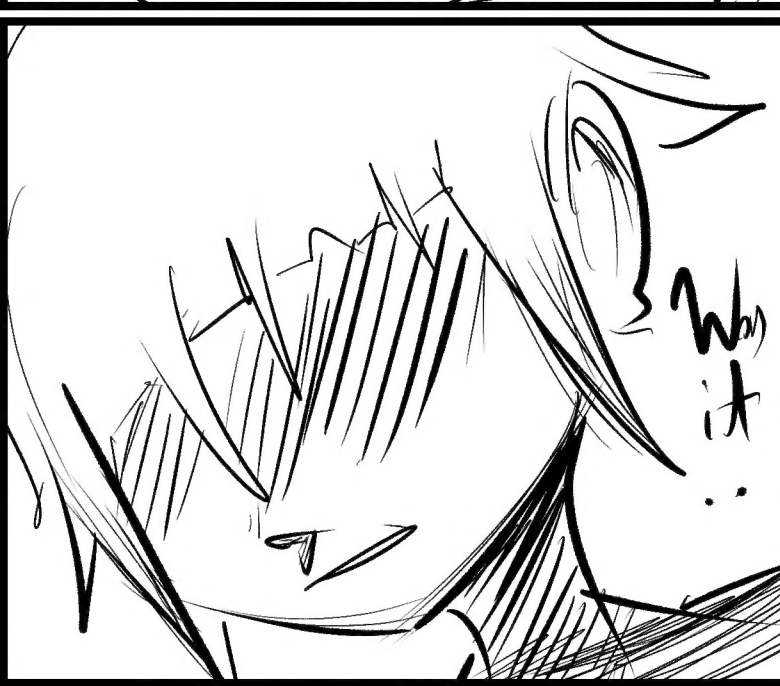
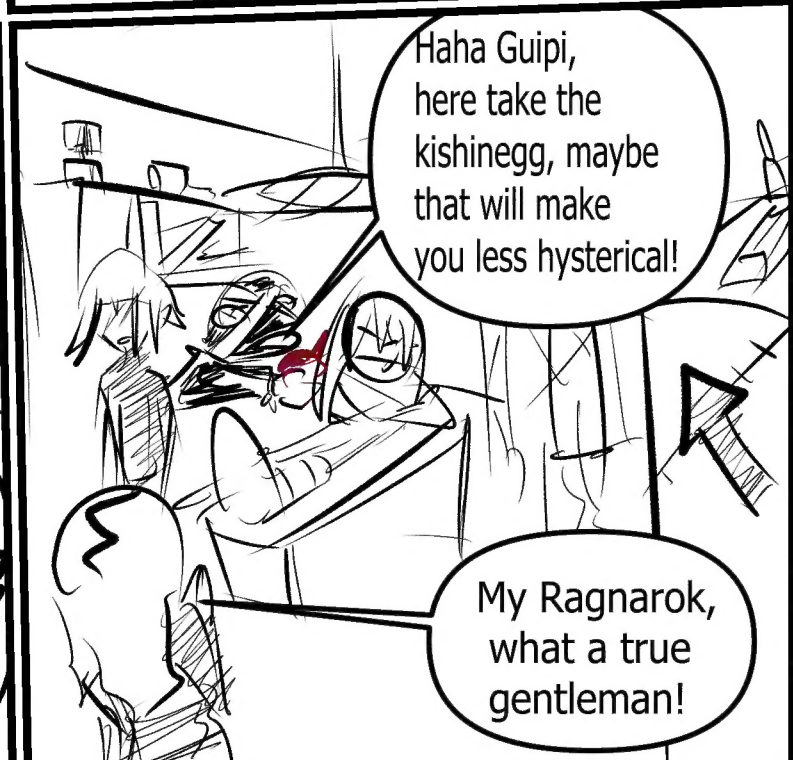


I think we got him!

Wait, who is actually stering the wheel then...





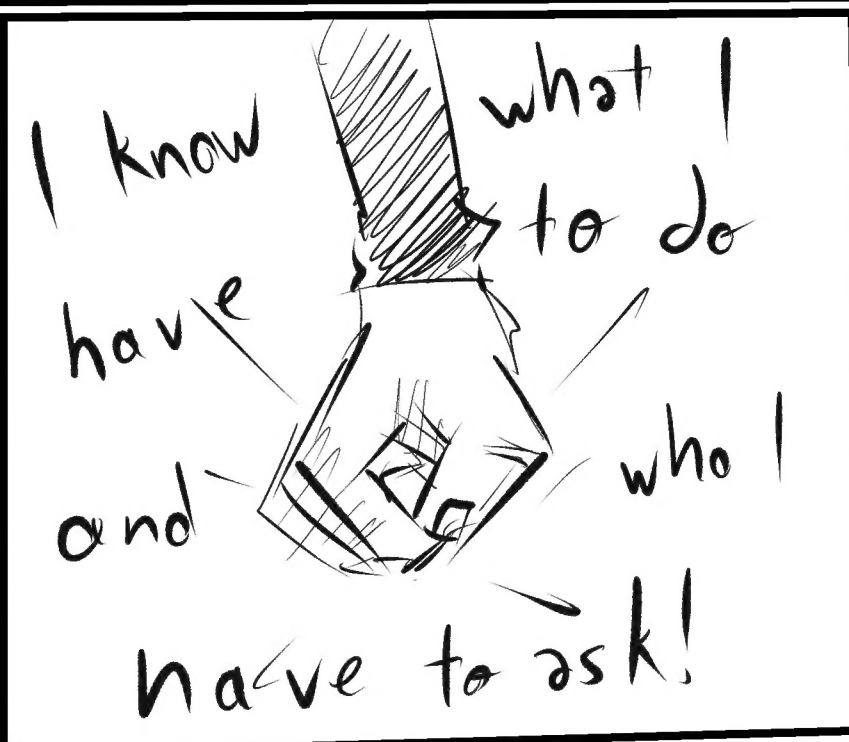




Soul wouldn't
have let something
like this happen...



He trusted me
to keep her safe
but... No, I can
fix this, I'm not
the old me anymore



I know
what I
have
to do
and
who I
have to ask!



After helping Maka with

carrying some books
from the library of course...



* knock *

* knock *

Enter



Ah Crona,
I could just
feel the anxiety
in your wavelength,
is there a problem?

I-I wanted
to ask...



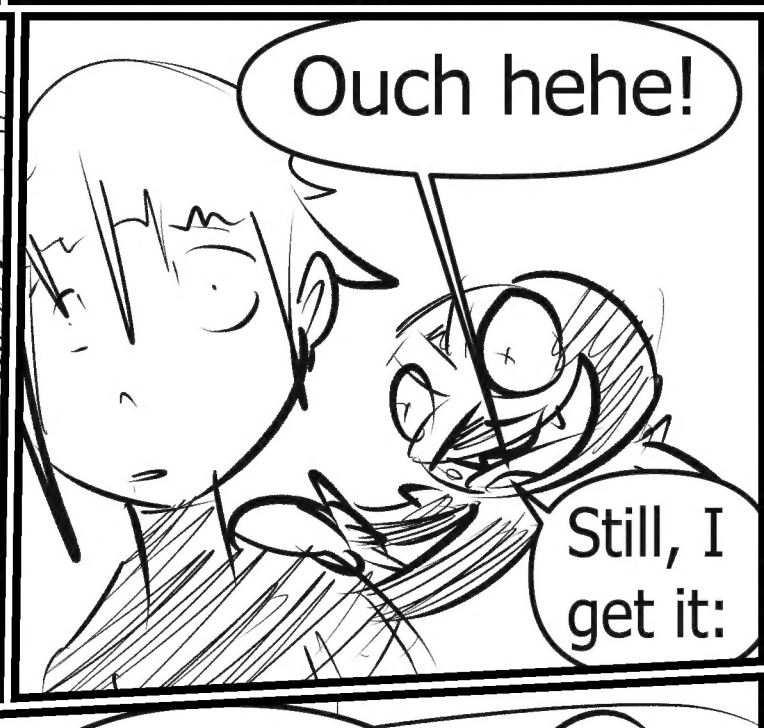
Could you teach me how to drive?



Oh, that's unexpected, but considering your age and this society, it is logical...



Anyways, the answer is NO



Ouch hehe!

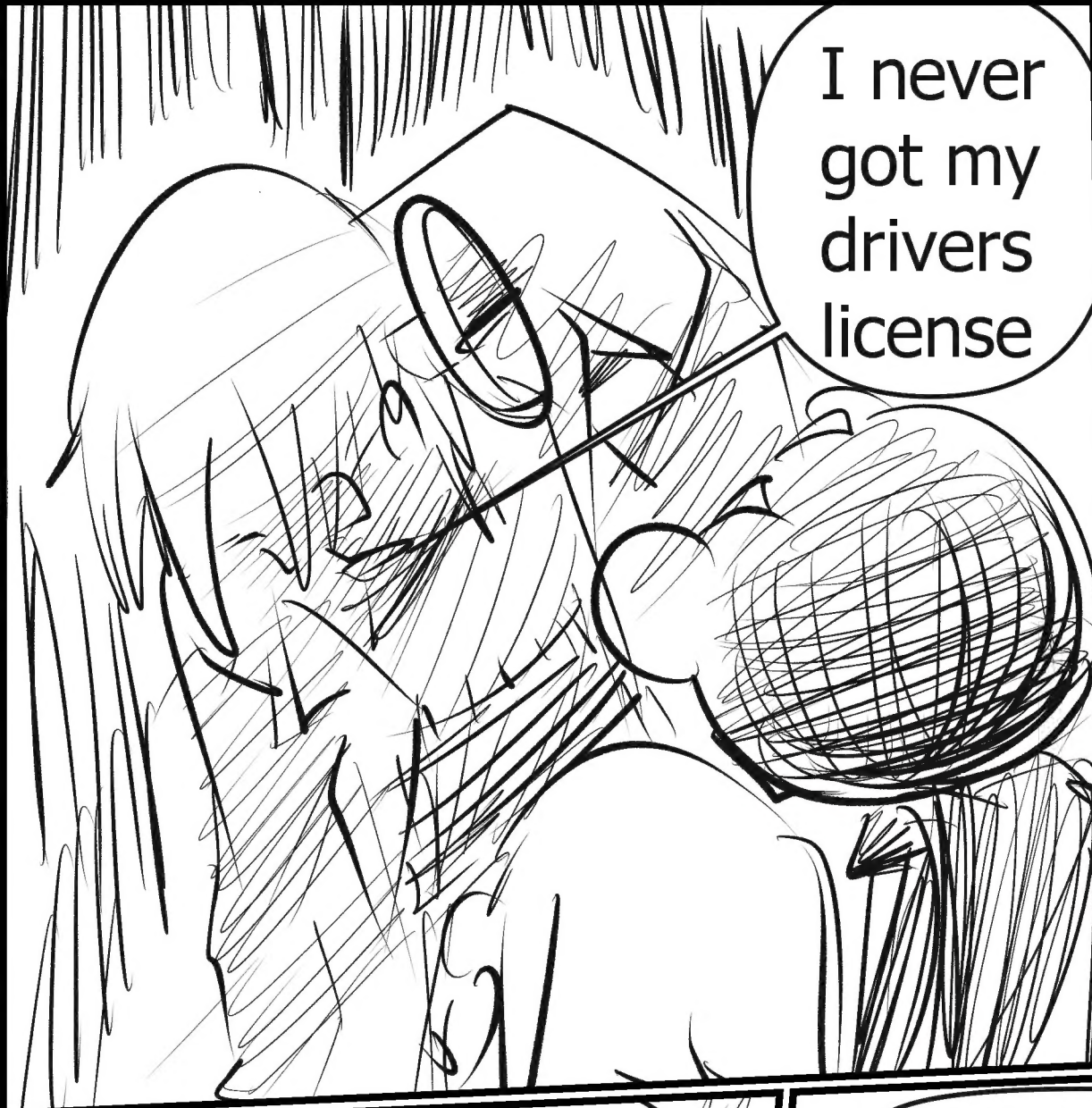
Still, I get it:



I can't deal with roundabouts!

As clumsy as he is, he might be more dangerous this way than another kishin!

No no, that is not the reason, but because...eh...



I never
got my
drivers
license



...
Maybe
I should
rethink
my
adoption
...



I know I'm a
disgrace, it's
just so easy
to go anywhere
on foot in death
city and-



That's no excuse!

Oh...
Then...
Well...

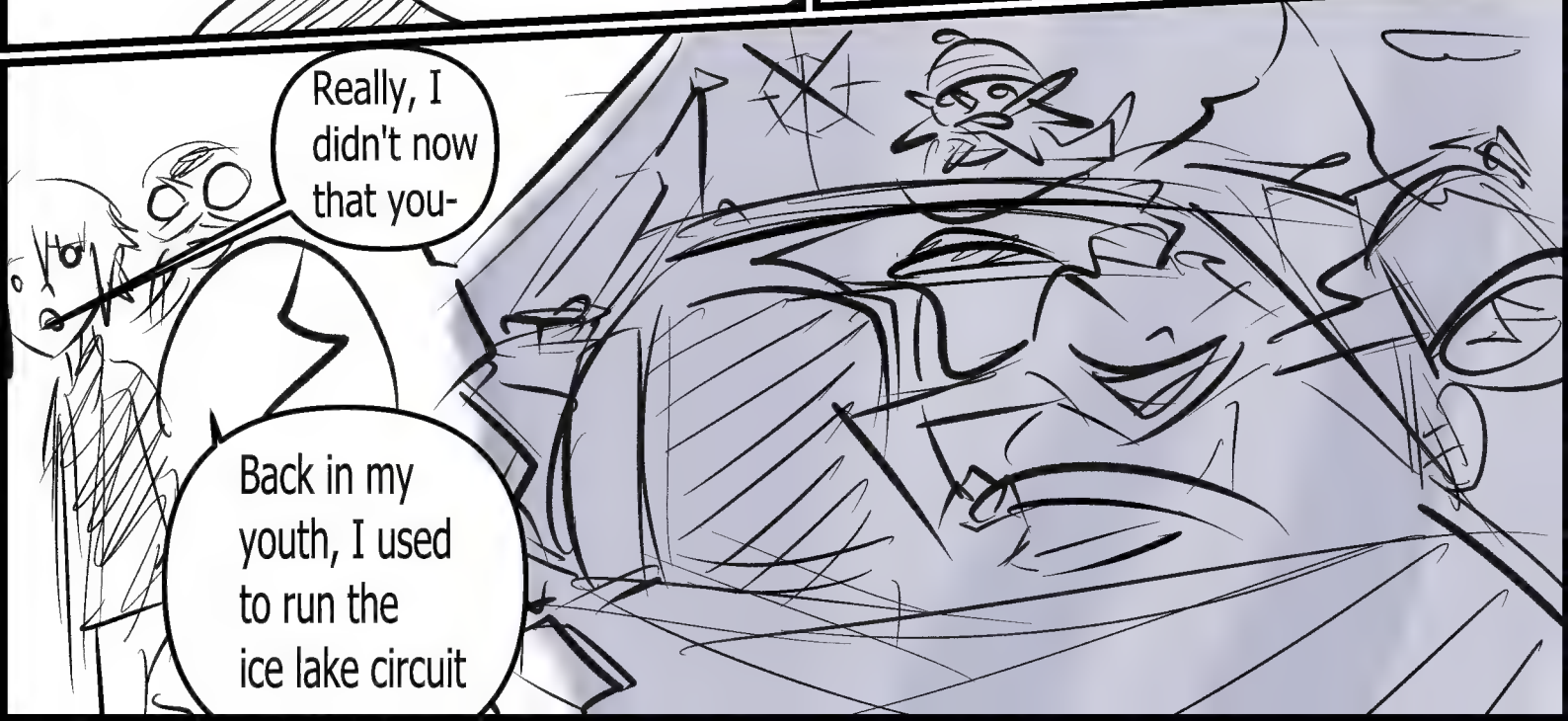
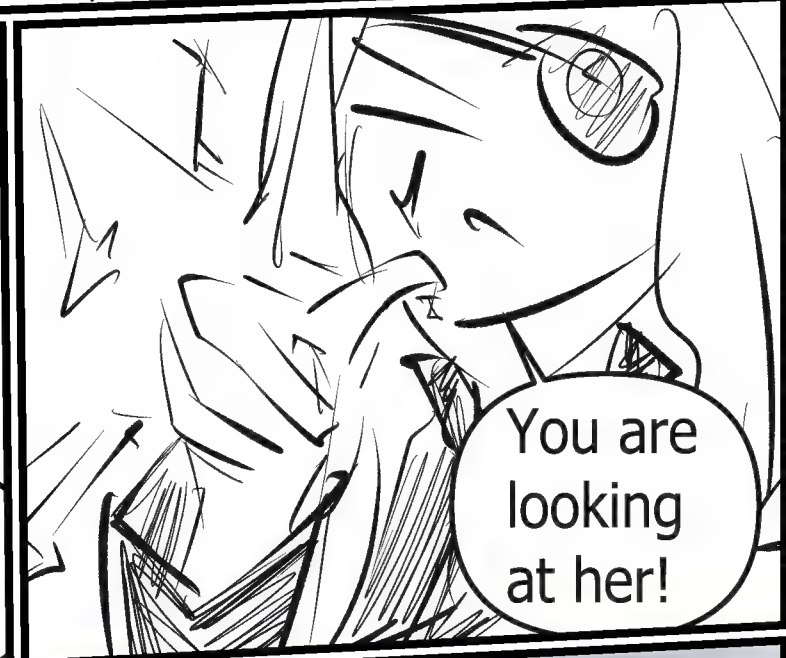
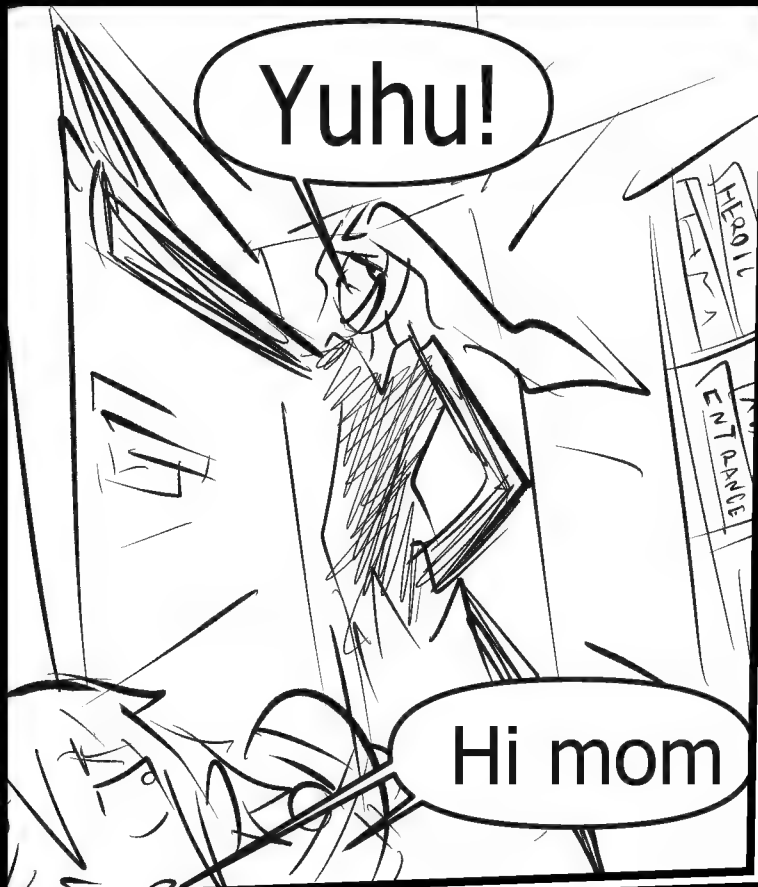
Forgive me!

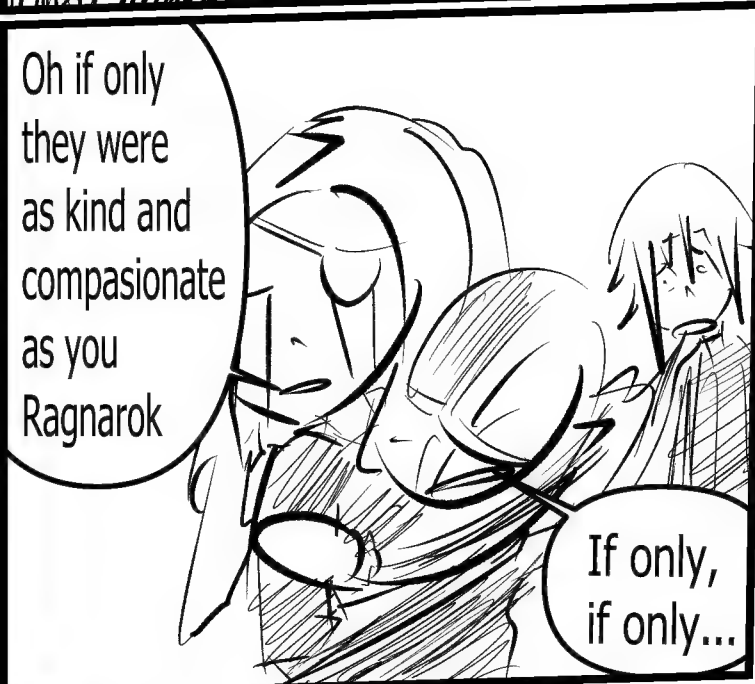
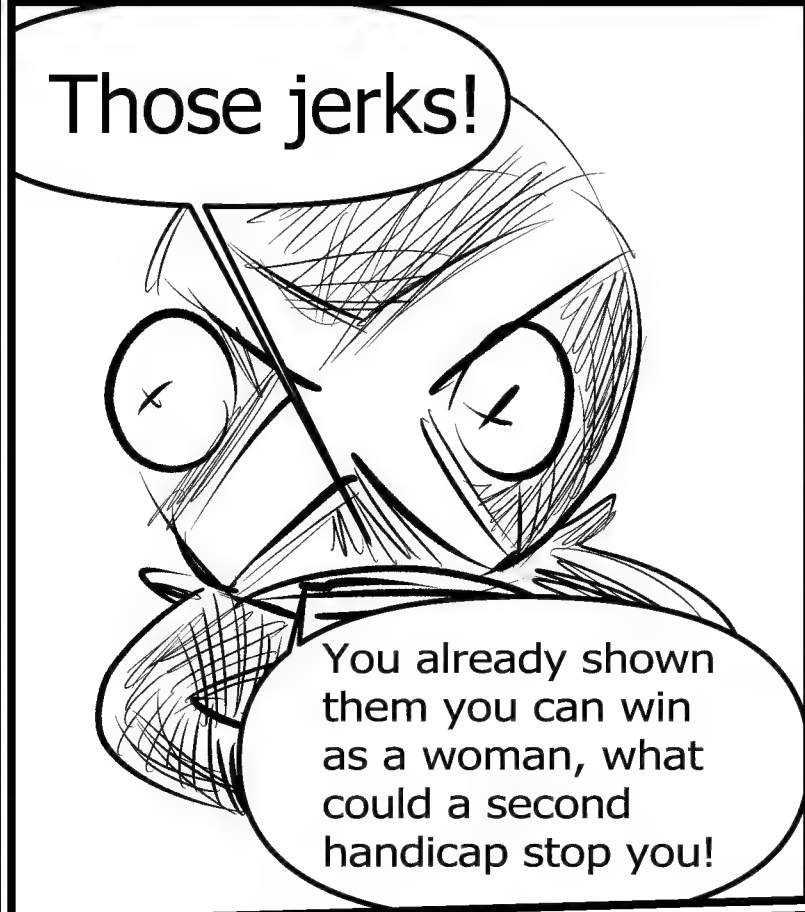
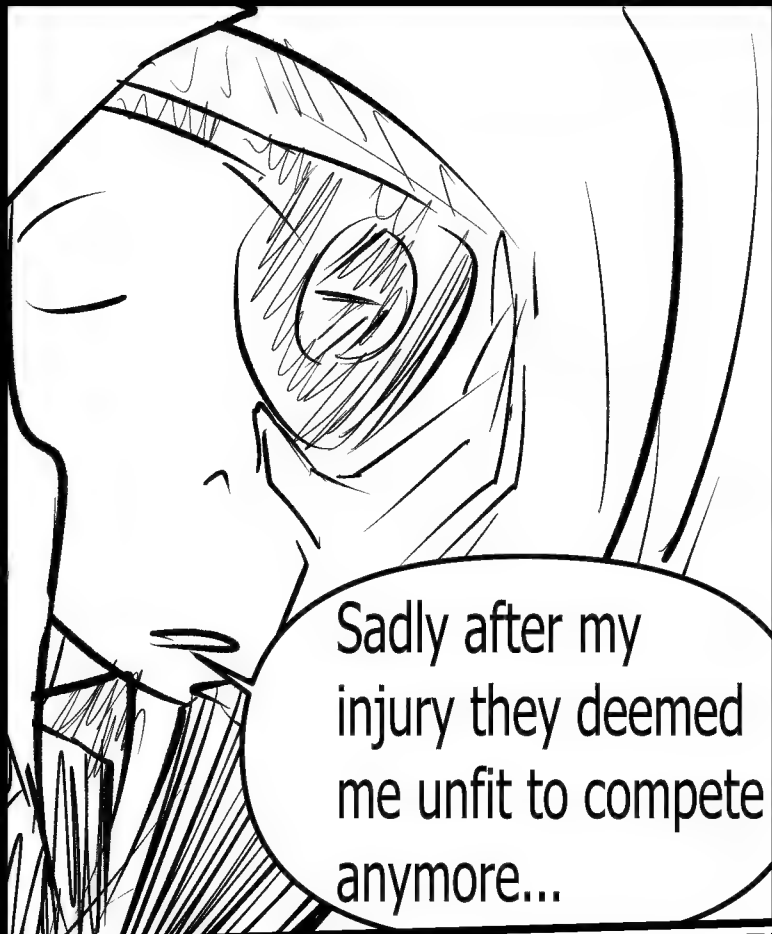


* CLICK *

* CRACK *







But old wounds aside...

So are you ready to learn?

YES!

Ok, then lets go!

We have a garage?


I thought that all the corpse parts were stored here...

Well...
In a cerain sense you are right because here lies the hearth of the family!


Looks more tasty than the purest soul...

A beauty, isn't she?

Like an ocean in the desert....



I don't even
feel worthy
to get into it...



Yeah, it
isn't really
for a novice...

So we will
use the "other"
car...ugh...

Yikes!



You have
to start
somewhere...


I guess it
fits Crona
more hehe

Atleast
I can deal
with crashing
anxiety
in this one...

KKREKK



Cram in
everybody



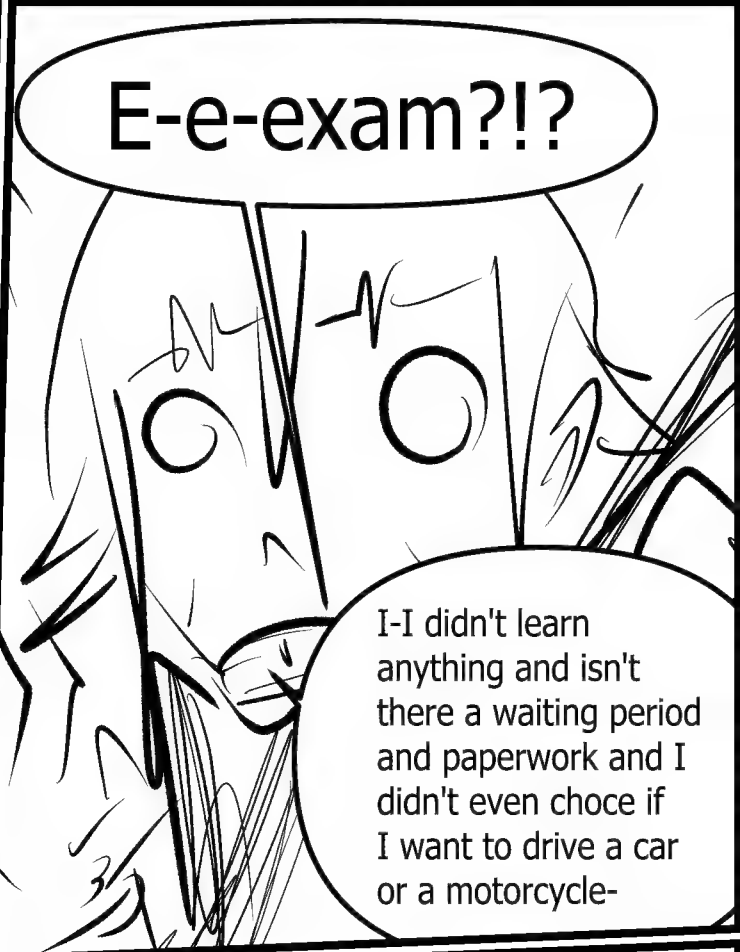
And they
call it "a
practical
car for the
whole family"

Maybe by
family they
mean one
parent and
a wine bottle

How could
being in a
corner feel
so unergonomic

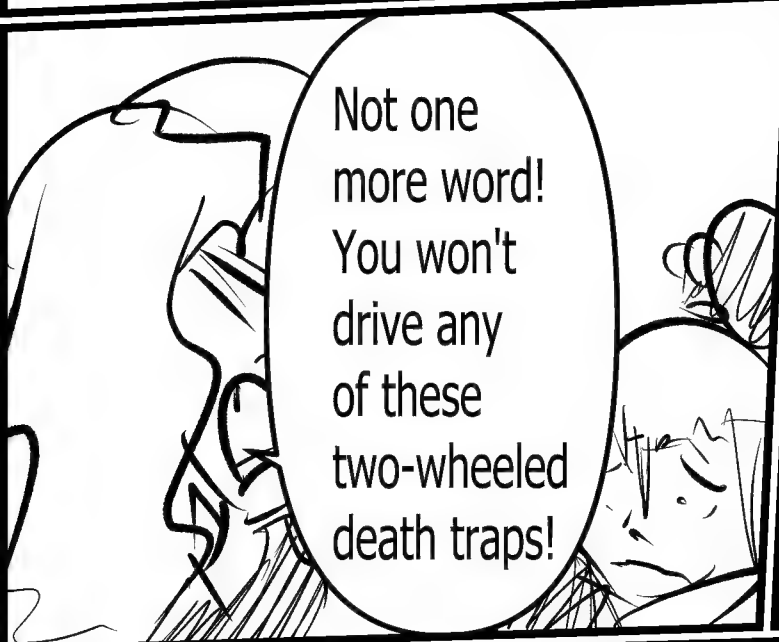


Next, we
get out this
horrible vehicle
and go to the
exam!



E-e-exam?!?

I-I didn't learn
anything and isn't
there a waiting period
and paperwork and I
didn't even choce if
I want to drive a car
or a motorcycle-



Not one
more word!
You won't
drive any
of these
two-wheeled
death traps!

In a car
most accidents
only make
you say
"oh no my
bumper!"

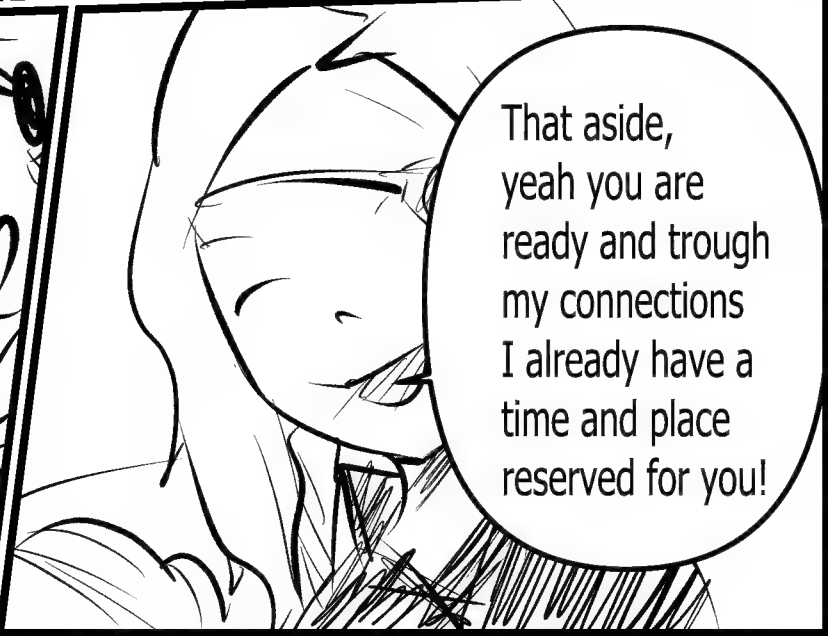


While
with a
bike, you
are lucky
if anybody
is able to
say what
creature that
was before
they exploded
into a million
pieces!



Ah now I know
why they call
them "chopper"

Cause
they chop
of your legs!

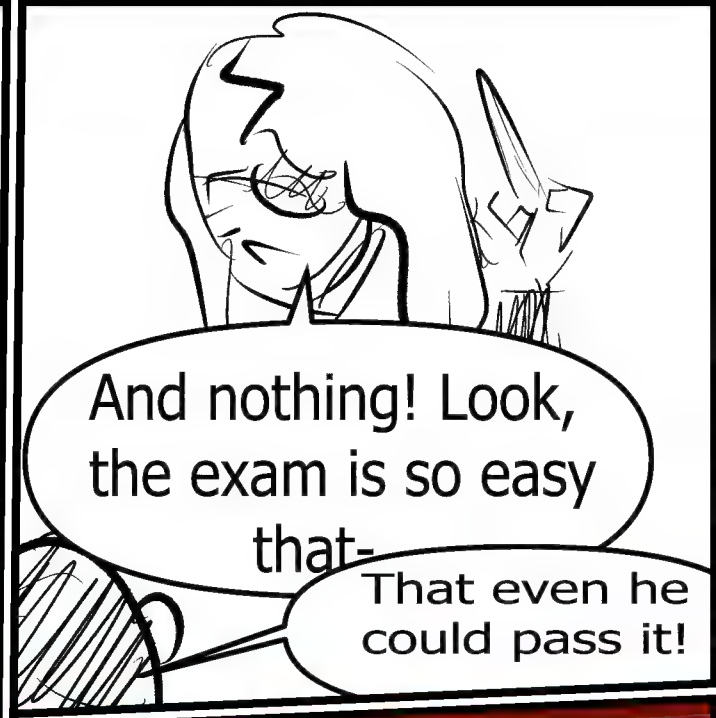


That aside,
yeah you are
ready and trough
my connections
I already have a
time and place
reserved for you!



Connections? But we just now-

A-and-



And nothing! Look, the exam is so easy that-

That even he could pass it!



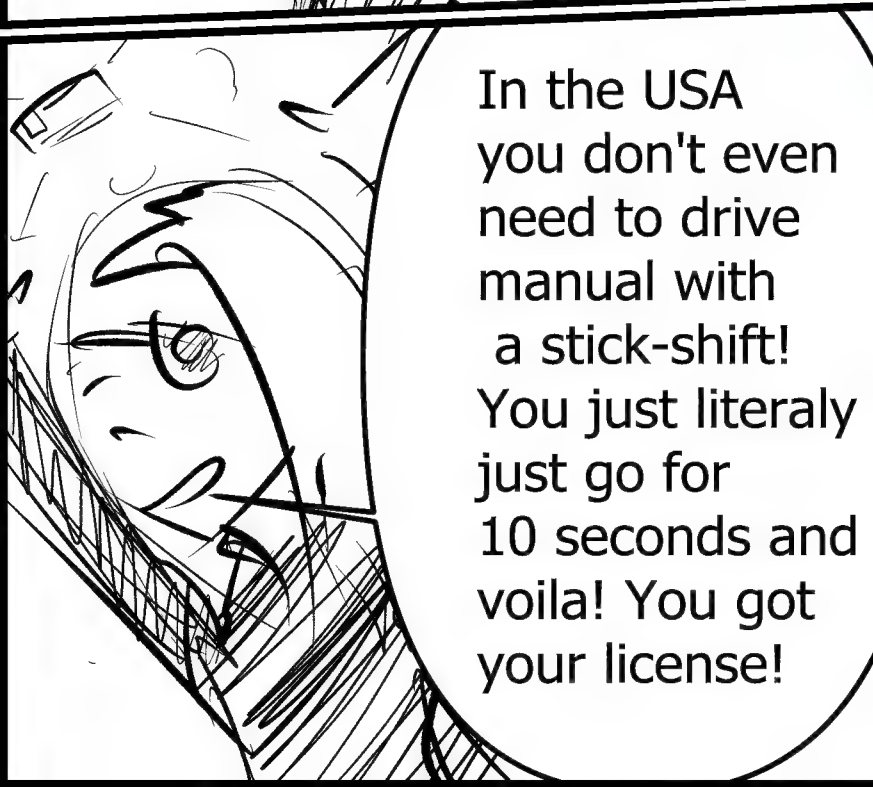
Yes-
No-
Well-

Ok, to tell the thuth, thing is:



Back in Europe, atleast in certain countrys,

The exams are a gruling and horrific expierece!

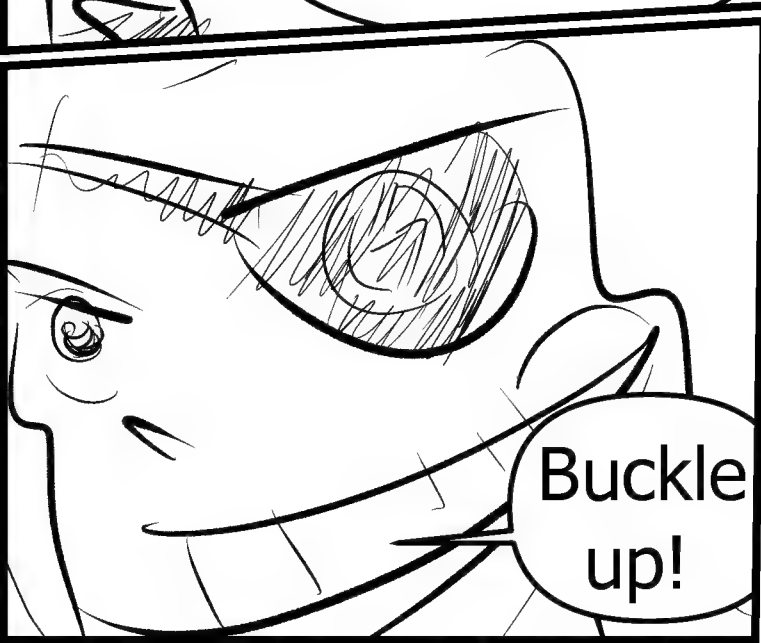
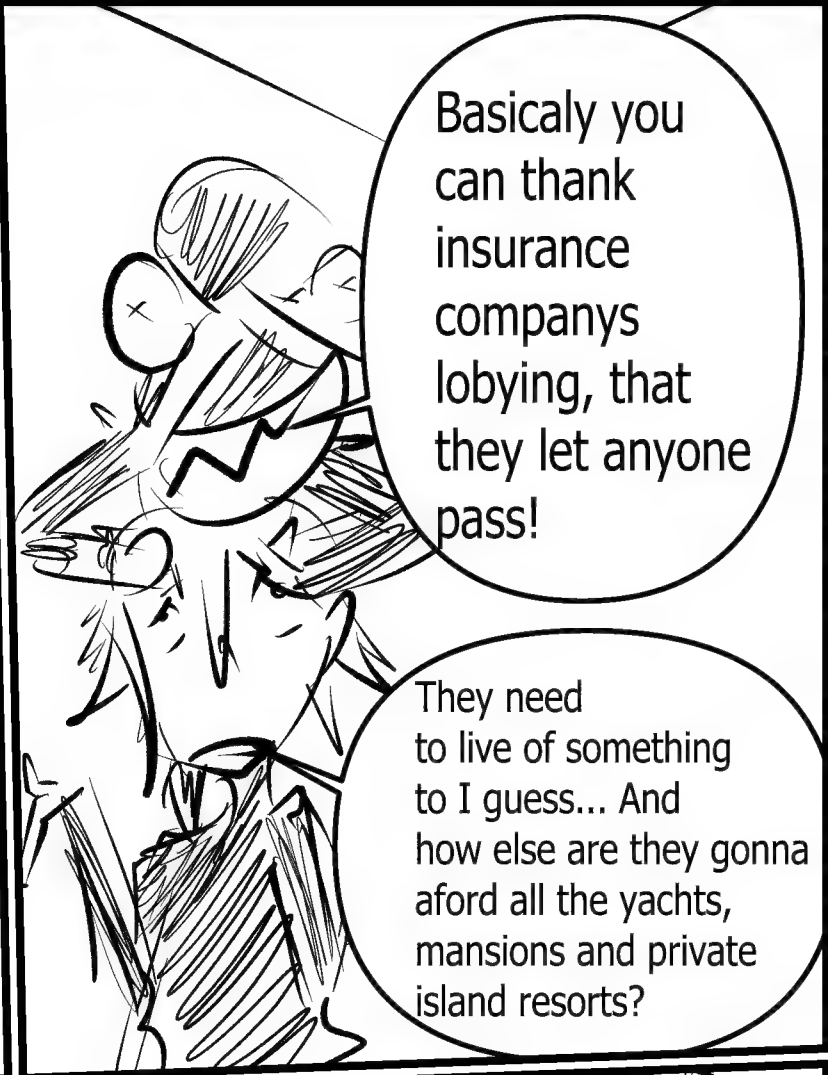


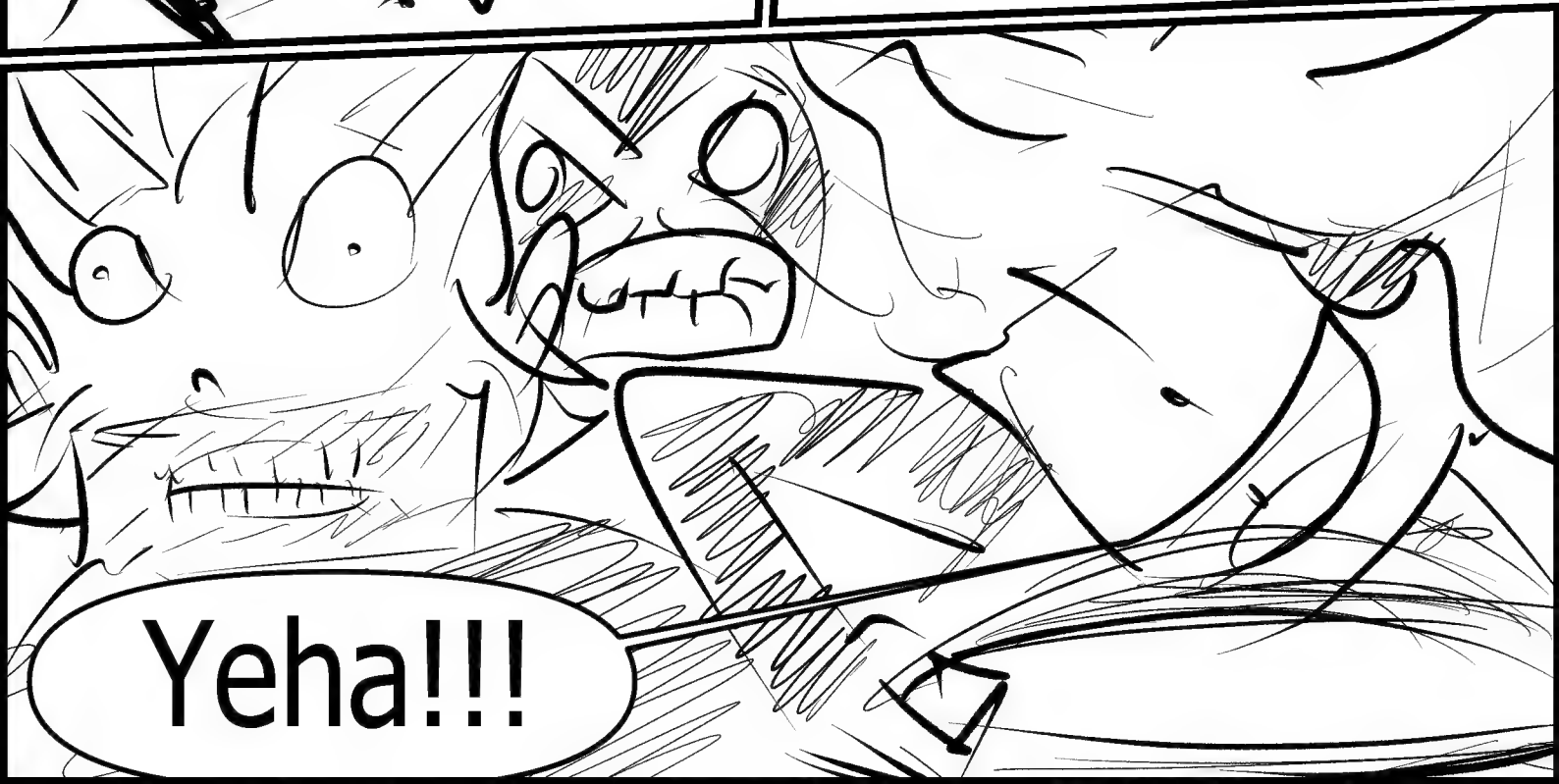
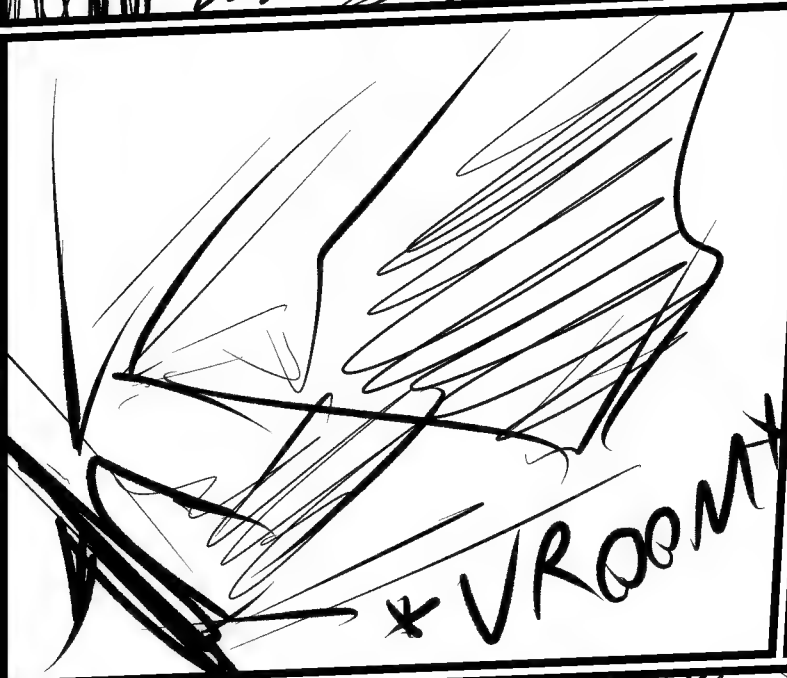
In the USA you don't even need to drive manual with a stick-shift! You just literally just go for 10 seconds and voila! You got your license!



See, they are idiot proof!

Hmm... If they really are "me" proof than maybe...









Marys brat right?
So you know
how things work
here don't ya?



Just don't
totally mess
it up and I'll
get 10 percent
commission form
the car industry

ok...



Relax kid,
it's not like
it's that kind
of "first time"



Just drive till the
turn and park there
without hitting the
traffic cones and you're
done, easy peasy!



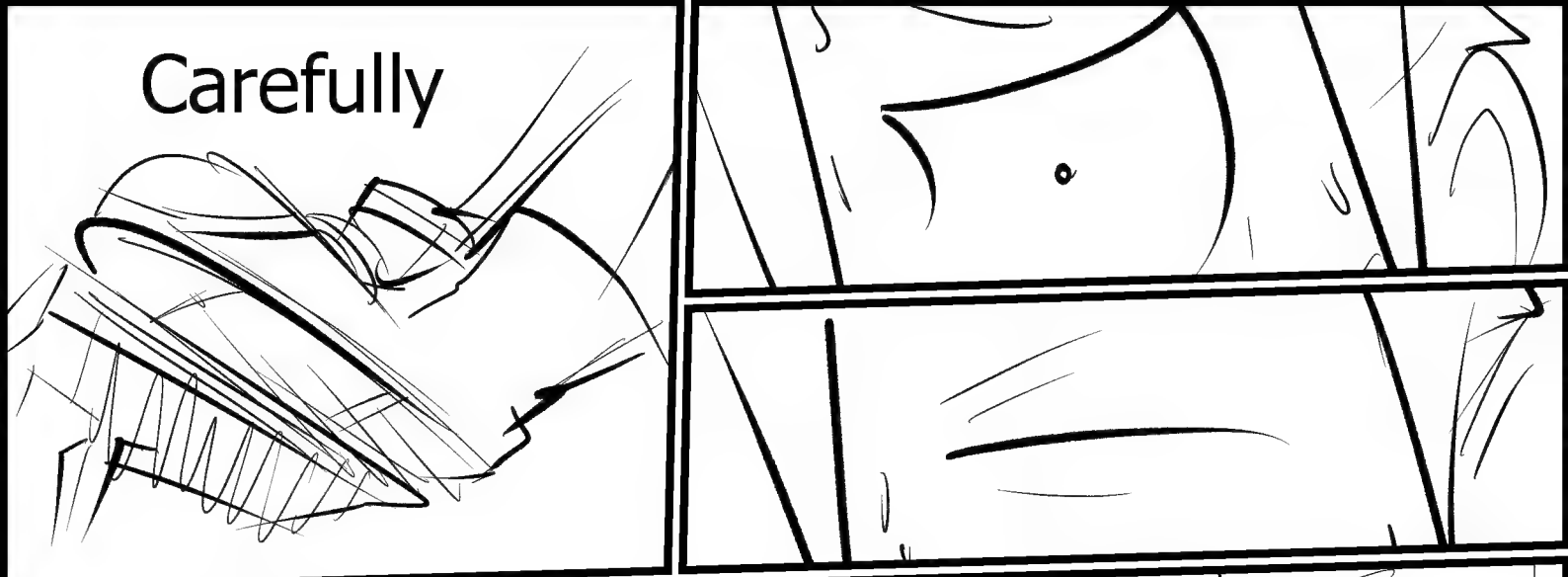
Just turn the key

How hard can it be... I was a
screwup all my life but today
it's gonna be different, right?...



Hurry up
kid, the
sooner we
are done here,
the sooner
I can get
a pack of
smokes

Carefully



Heh, well
there is allways
next time!

Walkin'
is good
for ya health,
ya know?

yes
sir

The clean
up crew won't
be happy...

Goodbye
sir

Haha oh
my gosh
thats like
so true!

Yeah
hidding
evidence
is my bae

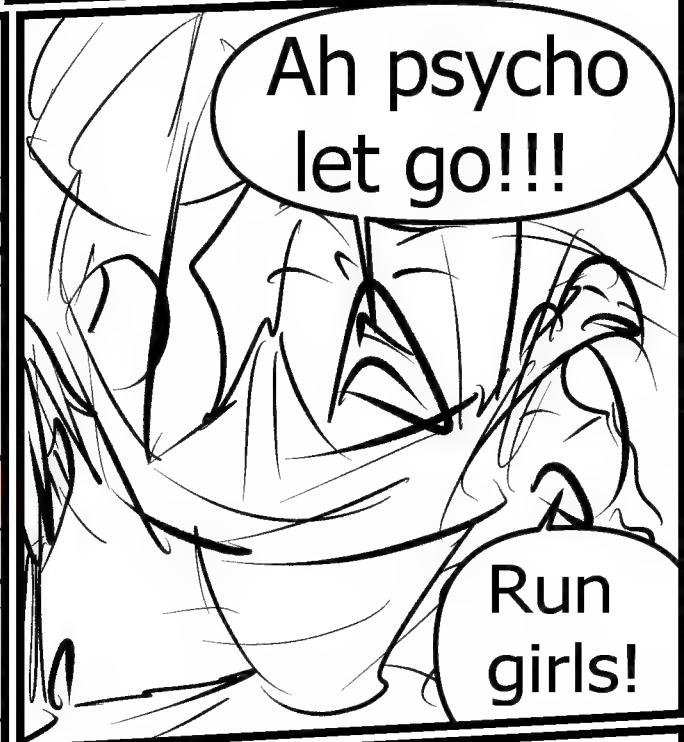
Hey look!

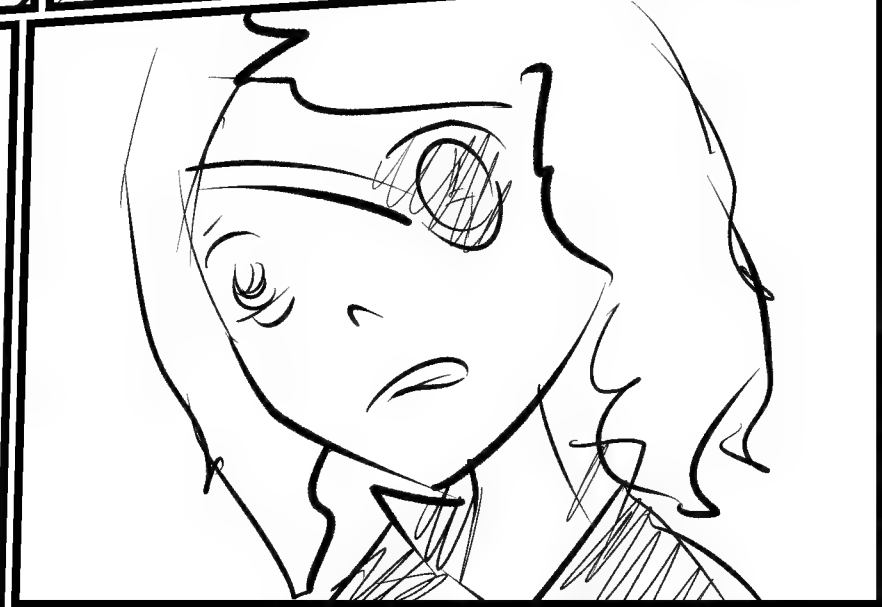
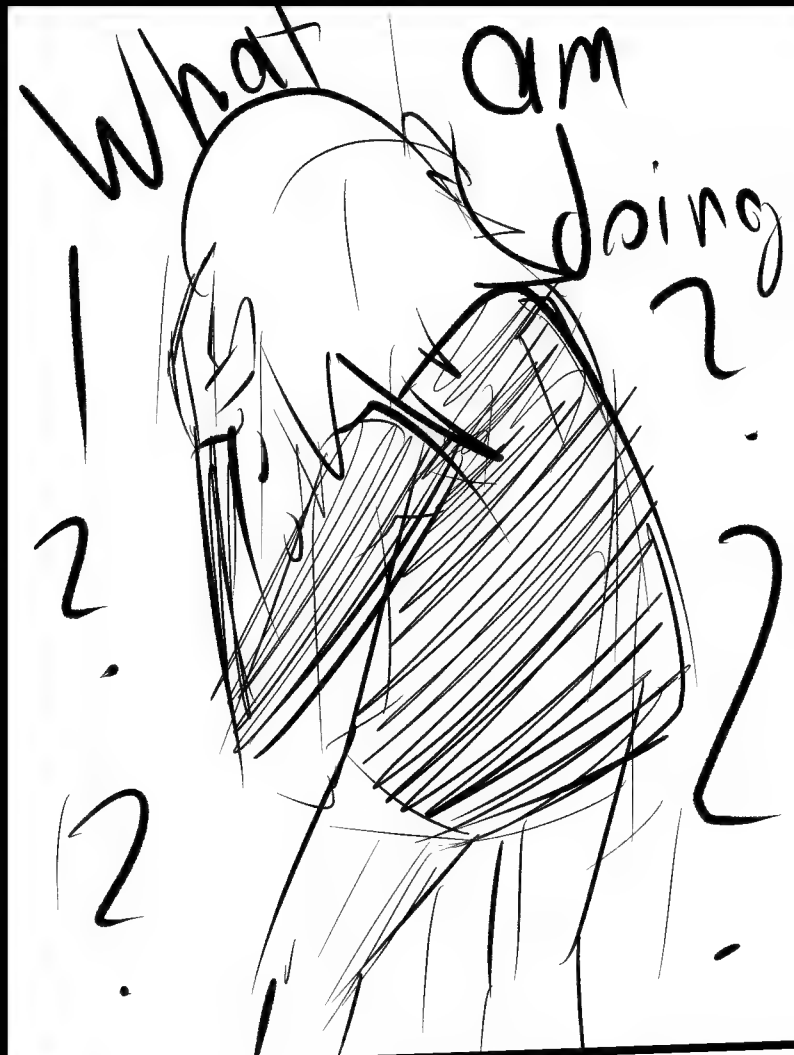
Were you
going wet
hair boy?

Lil baby
too sad
to remember
his raincoat?

Not used to
girls talking
with you lil
freak?

Hey weirdo,
answer or
are you to
dumb to speak?





I'm bad I'm evil
crazy vile horrible
Soulless
Monster

No even worse
much worse
I'm pathetic
I'm not even worth
pity just disgust
and pain and
torture on

I mess everything
up
Anything
Everyone
JUST JUST

I could be
different
that I
change
but I'm

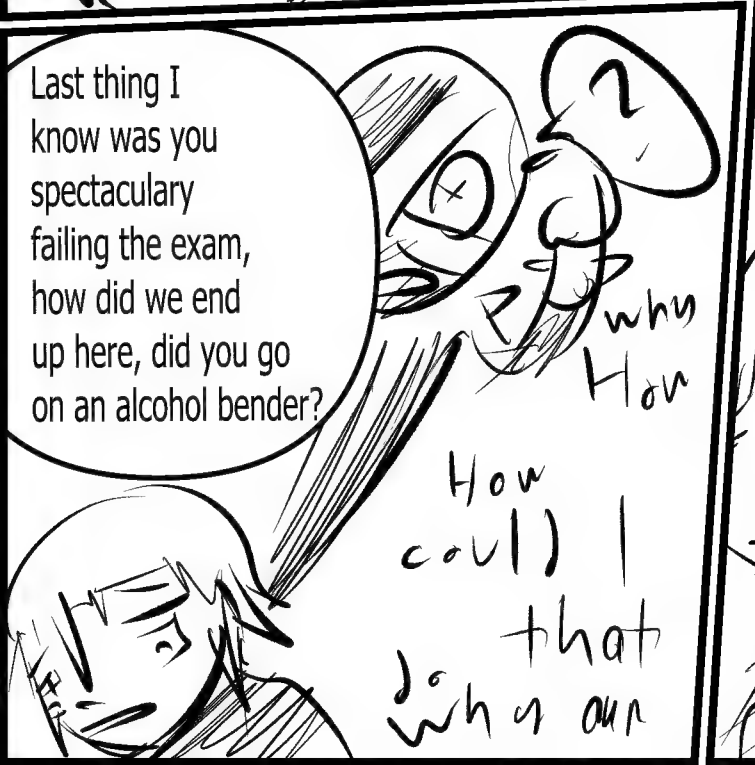
I can't take
hearing this
any longer...
DIE
DISAPPEAR
Just flush
me
down
Just
am
why here

I'm on
This is who I
am
CANT
DEAL
WITH
EXPERIMENT
abomination
It will always
be the same
Nonono,
I still hear
the horrible
things, I-I
need to play
something worse,
something
louder and-

Maybe even
this weird record
Soul once showed
me as a joke... anything
is better than
hearing my mind...

Just
what's the point
make it easy
for everyone
else
i'm weak i'm pathetic I'm ugly

It was
better before
I ruined
everyones
life



It's just... Just when I finally began thinking that I may not be that bad, I mess up again...

How many times do I ruin everything? Maybe it's the way I...

Why even try anymore?

Listen up you
dramaqueen
narcisisst!

Ouch
my hair,
If I fail
please don't
let it fall
out too

It can't
get better

It can't
get better

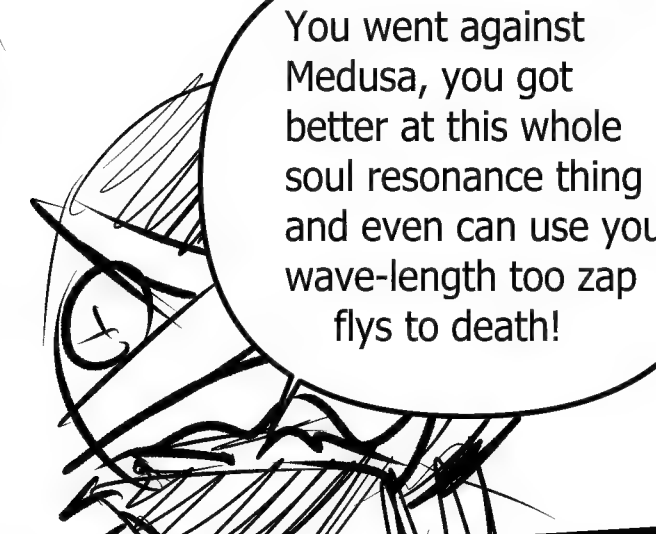
It can't
get better

It can't
get better

It can't
get better


It may not be a lot, but for a bottom of a barrel loser like you it's more than anyone would expect and proof that things can get better!

It can't
get better better
It can't?



on't

You went against Medusa, you got better at this whole soul resonance thing and even can use your wave-length too zap flies to death!

A black and white comic panel. On the right, a character's head is shown in profile, looking towards the left. The character has a large, round eye and a wide, open mouth, suggesting a state of shock or intense emotion. A large speech bubble originates from the character's mouth, containing the text: "What is there even more to say? One little screw up, wow, it's not like you killed somebody!". The background is plain white, and the character's features are drawn with bold, expressive lines.

M-maybe you-

kill?
lost control?!

Want me
to tear
it
off?

Maybe it's
only a question
of time...

I dunno what
ya talking bout,
but this ain't "the
magic mountain"
or whatever stupid
book the cow curenly
forces you to endure


May I enter
this room?

N-n-
YEAH!


Everything
alright over
here?

I heard the
exam may
not have went
as well as
expected

Or maybe just
as expected...



With me, it's unexpected if something doesn't blow up in my and everyone's face...




I'm not the best at this whole cheering someone up thing, but maybe putting things into perspective will help

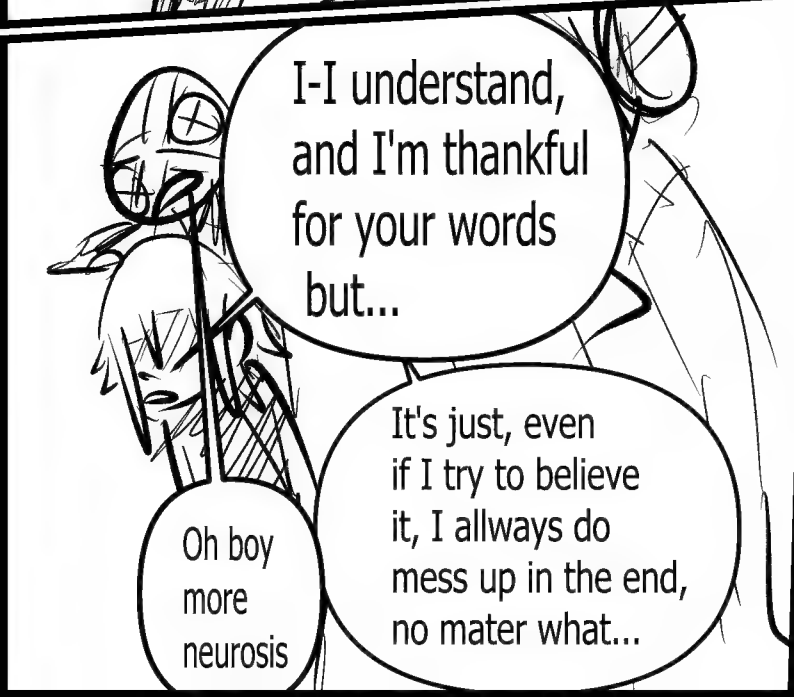


huh?

I am considered to be the best meister at the DWMA, but that doesn't stop me from struggling with many things



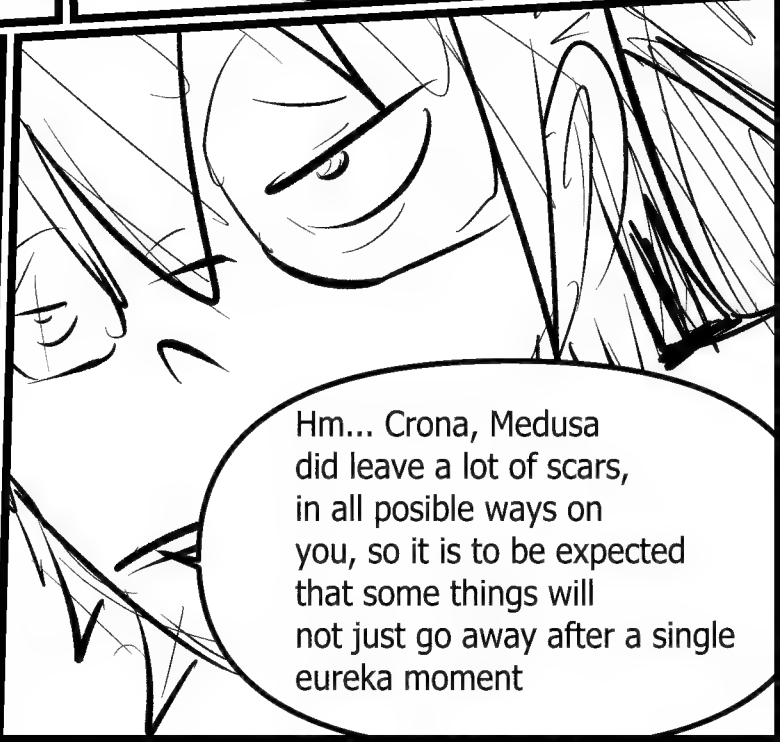
For example, I don't even have a license myself!



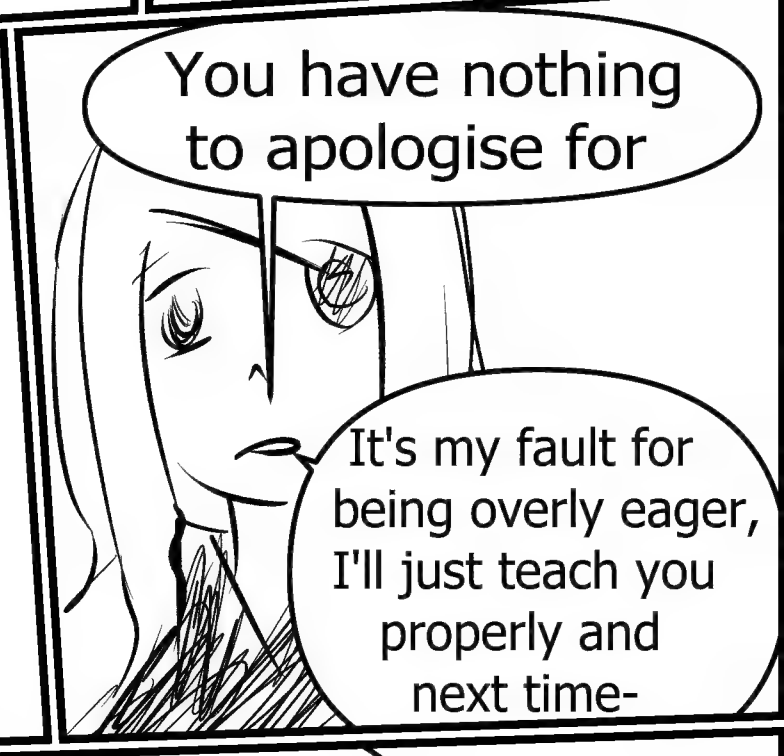
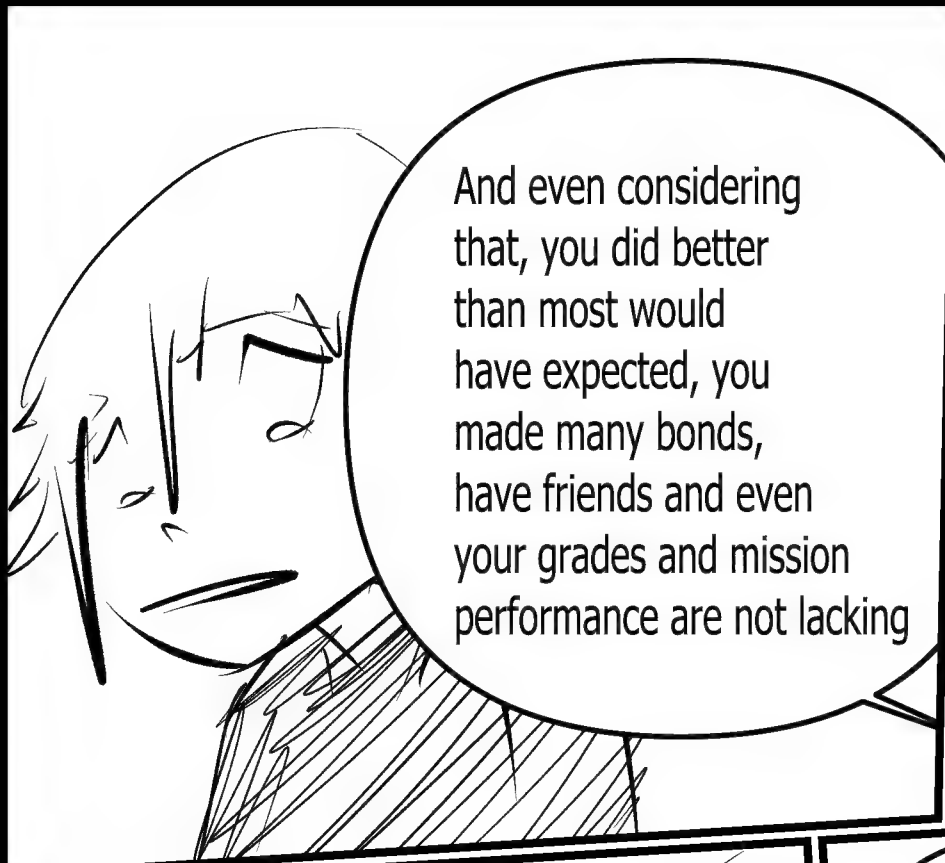
I-I understand, and I'm thankful for your words but...

Oh boy more neurosis

It's just, even if I try to believe it, I always do mess up in the end, no matter what...



Hm... Crona, Medusa did leave a lot of scars, in all possible ways on you, so it is to be expected that some things will not just go away after a single eureka moment





You can't just give up after one mishap!



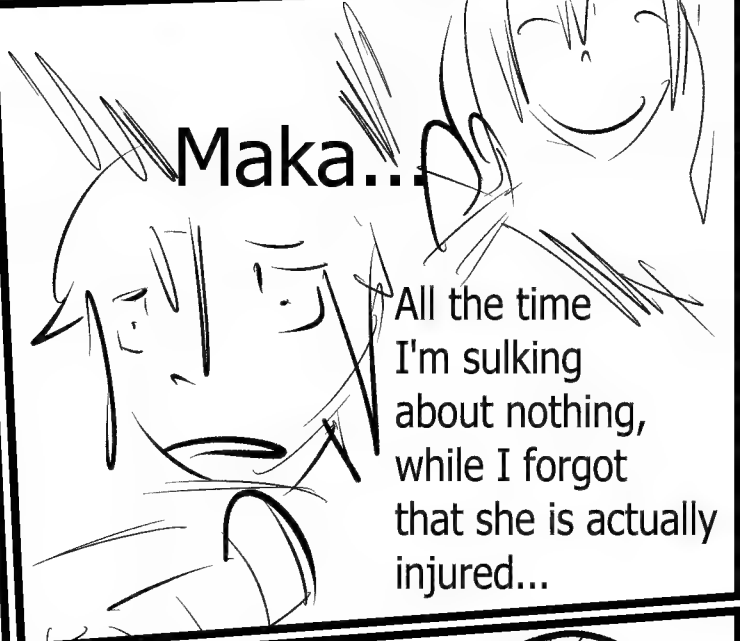
We all stumble sometimes, but the important thing is to always get back up again

That's what I always try to keep in mind as a teacher



And you are proof that it is true!

You showed how everyone was wrong when only Maka still believed in you!



Maka...

All the time I'm sulking about nothing, while I forgot that she is actually injured...




You are right...

I have to learn how to deal with little failures...



But at this moment...

I'm just not strong enough yet




If I just focus on something else for a bit-

That may be the optimal way to proceed, if it doesn't turn into just running from your problems



When you put it this way...


Maybe you had enough of this driving stuff for a day



I know the perfect distraction from all your troubles!

ME!!!
GUIPI!

Look!



I can turn back to a sword, if you boneheads still don't get it!

So how about a solo mission for once, if Maka is stuck at the sick animal shelter?

Indeed a mission
could have a positive
effect on you

Uplifting your
self confidence
by doing something
you are good at

Hm... I don't know...

Crona, don't you
need a bit more time?

No, it's fine

I can't continue to
drown in misery like
I did for all my life

If Maka
got hurt
because
of
me...

I
have to
change finally

Very well

I recall that there was a mission not far from Death City

Right

Oh so you will come back before school starts!

If I'm not mistaken, it is about some shop that seems to be haunted

It's probably just an old lady scared of the wind, an easy and quick assignment

BUY!
SCAM!
A CAR dealership?

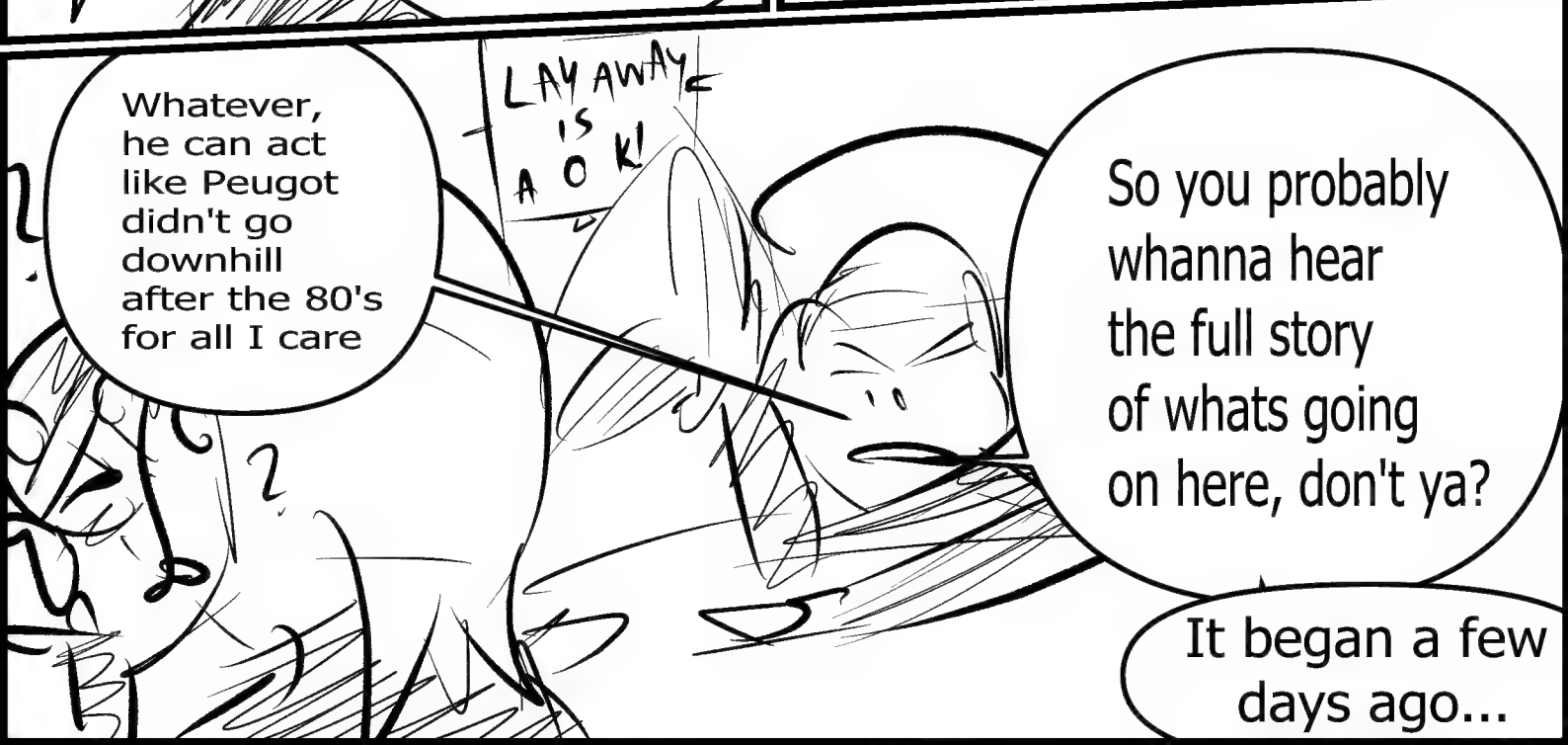
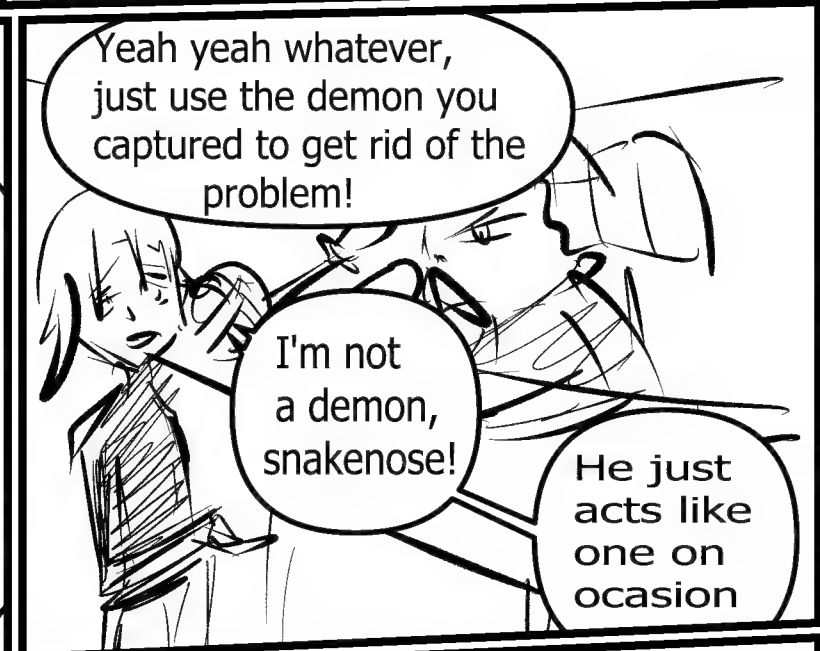
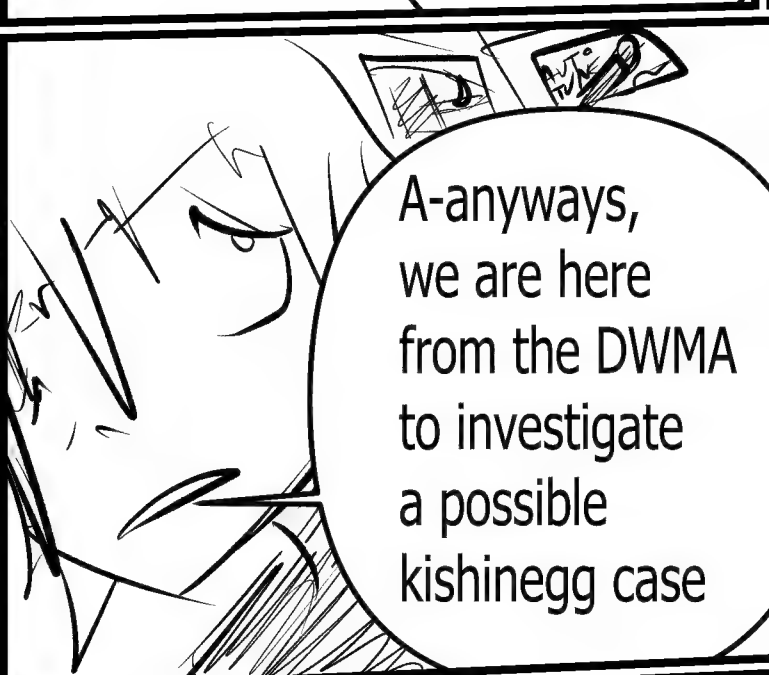
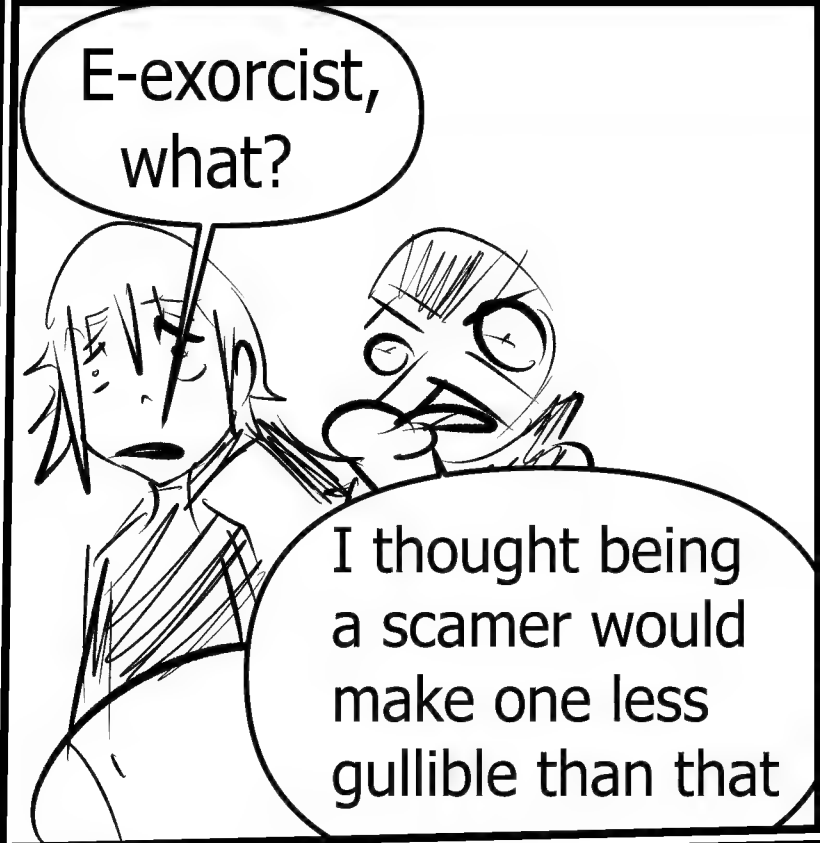
Even I wouldn't have made such a cruel joke hehe!


I-I must learn how to deal with things like this and not break down at anything that reminds me of the past

Past? You mean like 4 hours ago?

Oh no we are to late...

Nah he's just your average "hard working" businessman





I was offering
ultra-smart deals
at super-low prices
like usual...

*hahahaha
hohoho*

Why do I feel like
the sun is specifically
laughing at me?

Maybe it's
laughing from
joy because
of your
wonderful
purchase
my friend!

Join in the
fun by just
driving away
and not thinking
too much about
it, will ya pal?

Good luck
with your
new golden
chariot!

Shit I could
actually buy
one from the
money I fleeced
from that sucker...

CRASH

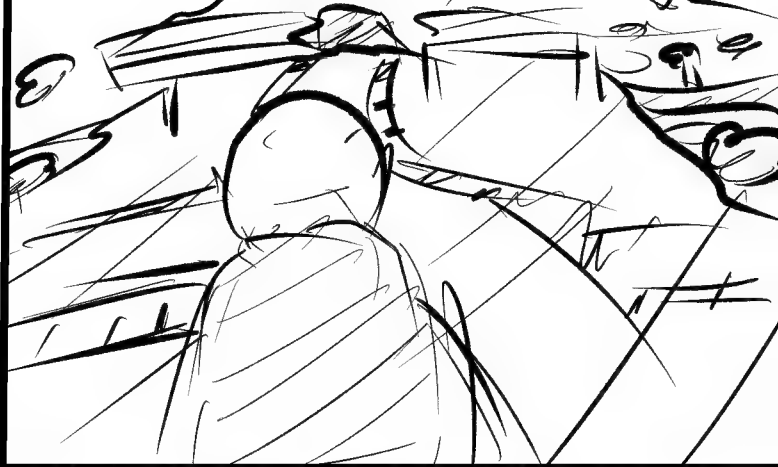
When suddenly
I heard a crash,
what is strange
considering my
cars usually break
down after a week....

?

I ran
to check
what
had
happened



And I saw
the crash
site

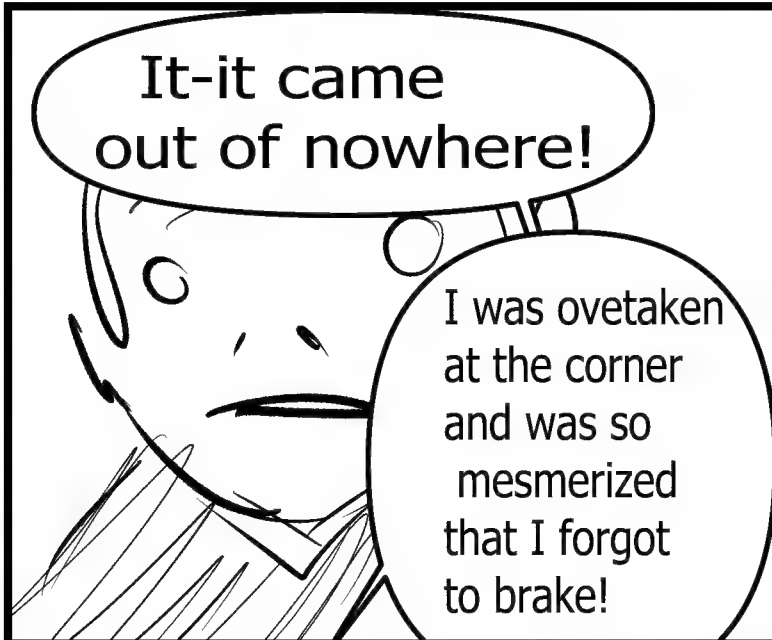


I-it was
like a
ghost!



It-it came
out of nowhere!

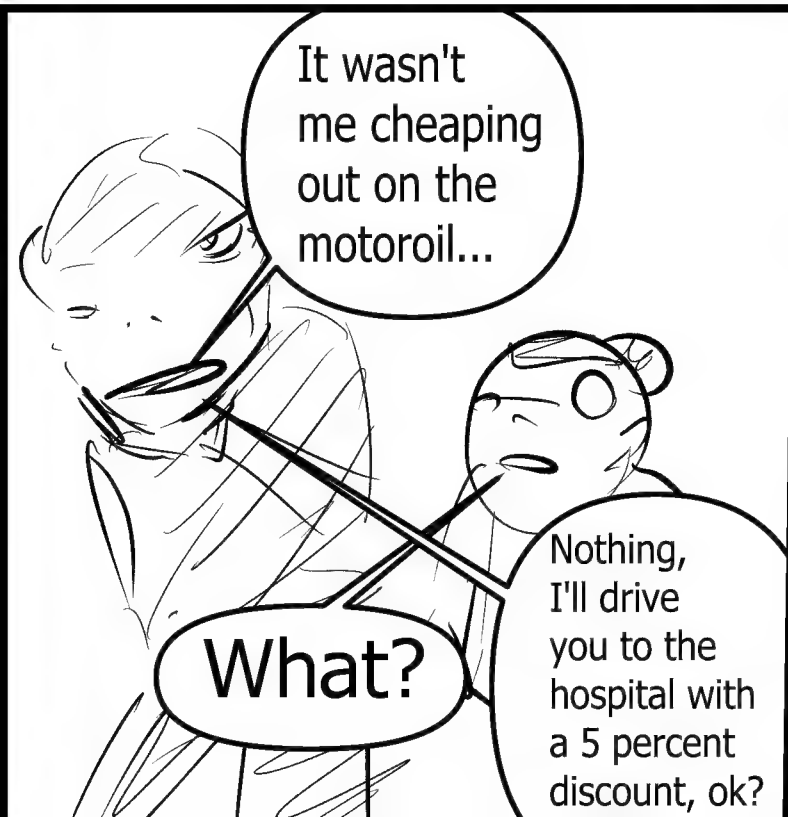
I was overtaken
at the corner
and was so
mesmerized
that I forgot
to brake!



It wasn't
me cheaping
out on the
motoroil...

What?

Nothing,
I'll drive
you to the
hospital with
a 5 percent
discount, ok?



After that I just
brushed what happened
of, but for some reason
the event stayed in the
back of my mind...



Turned out there was
a good reason for that..

You must
be scamming
them pretty
hard!

Huh?
Not
more
than
usually

Really?
Why then
do all your
sales get
involved
in accidents?

Not my fault
all these pencil
neck geeks got
a silicon valley
in their driving
skills!

After a certain
point, I couldn't
ignore it any longer

Yo, not
cool man!

huh?

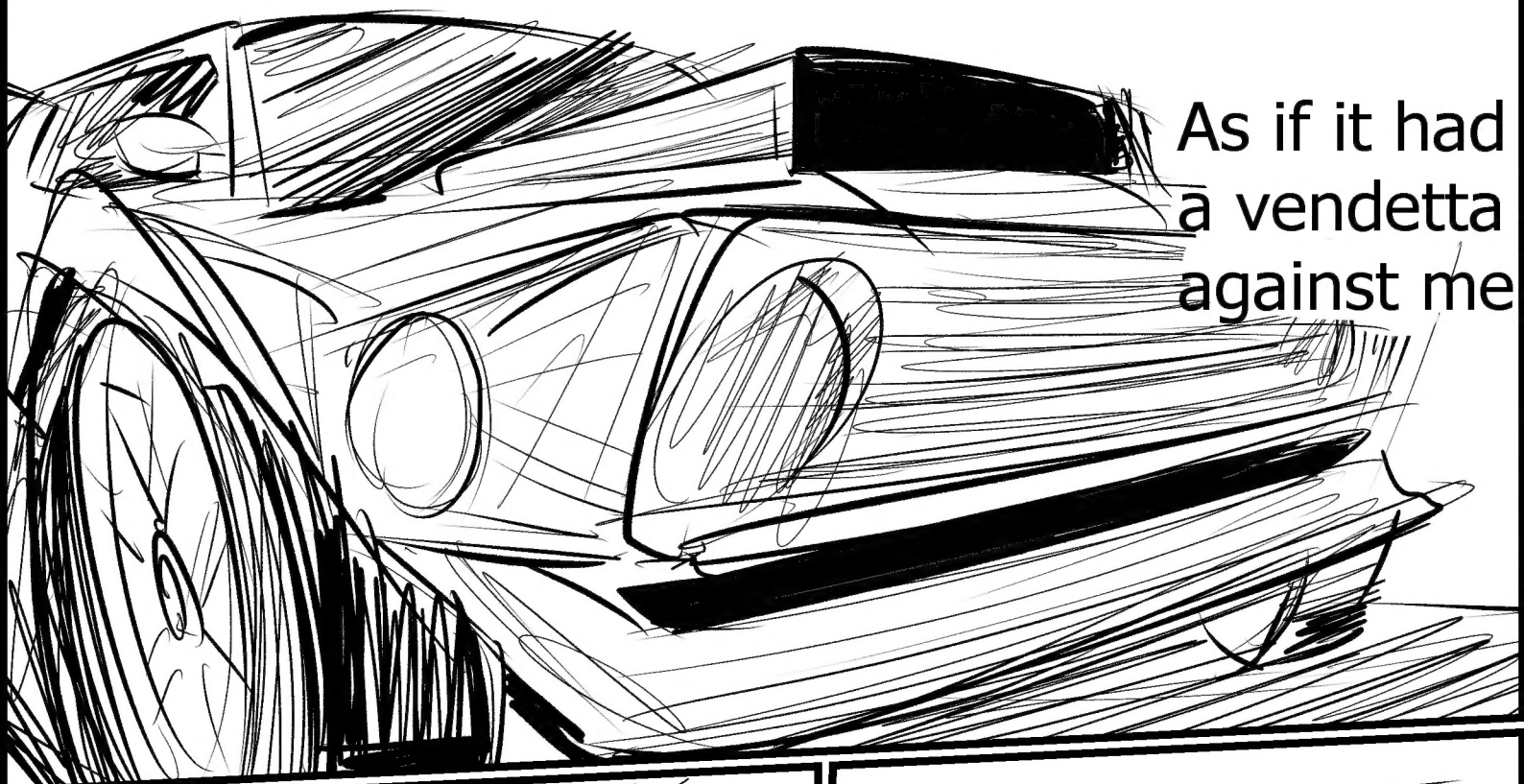
Think it's funny
to sell us cars
and then ram us
of the cliff with
that vintage whip?!

Heh?

I'm not ramming
anybody and what
car are you even
talking about-

Right at that
moment, I
saw IT

A red boss with a certain aura to it...

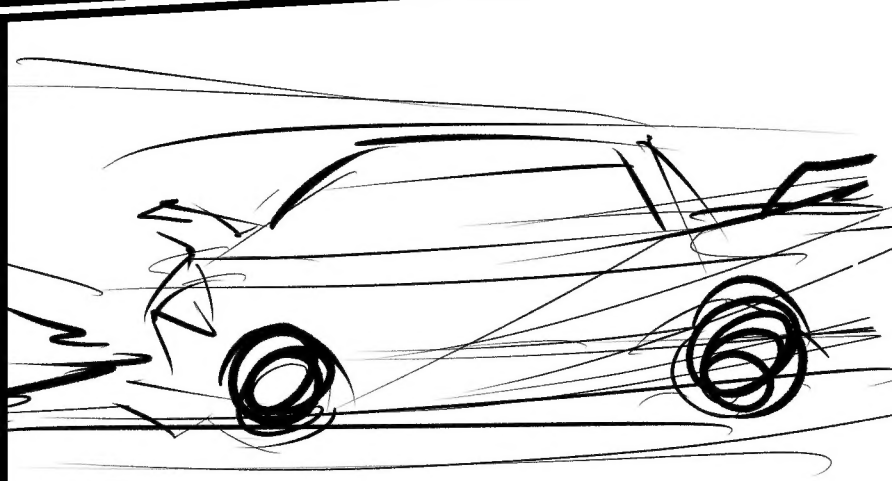


As if it had
a vendetta
against me



I am not a superstitious
man, but afterall...

You can't argue
with the reality
of no more clients!



And with the the
fact that the phantom
car seems to show
up closer and closer
to my shop, as if it
was taunting me...



This

RING

And how do you explain the number?

666 1533

Wow, there is such a thing as free-hand car phone systems you geezer

Tch, bought burners till he got lucky!

Only for a prank, even if it was some rich kid...

I have a feeling it may be something else...

RING

Only one way to find out...

Now you will believe...

I swear, if I hear anything bout running refrigerators...

H-hello?

Chapter 17
END